

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/014,407  
Supplemental Preliminary Amendment  
dated October 29, 2003

**REMARKS**

As indicated above, this is a Supplement to the Preliminary Amendment filed September 22, 2003.

Specifically, the applicants' Fig. 5c has further been changed to delete reference number 27b, along with its corresponding reference line. This change is in addition to the drawing changes already approved by the Examiner in the Office Action dated May 22, 2003 (see Office Action Summary, item 11).

Annotated sheets showing the above-discussed changes are attached herewith. The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

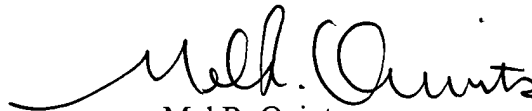
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Replacement Sheets of Drawings  
Annotated Sheets of Drawings Showing Changes